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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP(SSH) PROGRAM FY 77

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 3051, (B) STATE 256067, (C) SEGALL-
GERBACH LETTER OF MARCH 12, 1976

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY REASONING IN REFTEL (A) ON
POTENTIAL VALUE TO USG-GOS RELATIONS OF SMALL SPECIAL
SELF-HELP (SSH) PROJECTS AND HAVE SET ASIDE FOR TIME
BEING UP TO DOLS. 25,000 FOR FINANCING SUCH PROJECTS
IN FY 77. WE ARE ABLE TO HOLD THIS AMOUNT IN RESERVE
UNTIL MARCH 1977.

2. AS DISCUSSED IN REFTELS, GENERAL AGREEMENT (AID
MANUAL ORDER 1323.1.2) NEEDS BE SIGNED WITH GOS AS
FOUNDATION FOR SSH PROGRAM. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT
SMALL PROJECTS ALONG LINES THOSE FINANCED WITH SSH
FUNDS IN WEST SAHELIAN COUNTRIES LIKE SENEGAL, AND
UPPER VOLTA (REF C) WOULD SHOW GOS VALUE OF THIS TYPE
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PROGRAM. (ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES COULD BE SENT IF POST

DESIRES.)

3. WE WISH COMMENT, HOWEVER, ON SUGGESTION IN PARA 3
REFTEL (A): "IMPLEMENTATION ANY SSH ACTIVITIES WOULD BEST
BE HANDLED THROUGH SMALL JOINT COMMITTEE OF INTERESTED GOS
OFFICIALS AND APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICERS." SUCH A COM-
MITTEE WOULD OF COURSE BE MOST USEFUL IN CONCLUSION OF
GENERAL AGREEMENT, BUT AS SET DOWN IN MANUAL ORDERS SECTION
II. A.B.C. ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS SHOULD BE LEFT
WITH VILLAGE CHIEFTAINS OR OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

4. AS EMPHASIZED IN MANUAL ORDERS, SPECIAL SELF-HELP PRO-
GRAM IS AIMED AT DEMONSTRATING U.S.INTEREST IN THE WELFARE
AND SELF-HELP ENDEAVORS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO HELP
THEMSELVES. SECTION II. C. SPECIFICIALLY POINTS OUT THAT
SSH PROGRAM WAS CONCEIVED AS MEANS OF EXTENDING LIMITED
ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN LDC'S RATHER
THAN GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE."

5. REPORT SOONEST ANY ADDITIONAL INFO ON GOS THINKING
CONCERNING SIGNATURE OF GENERAL AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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